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## Manager's Newsletter

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**Summary of Town Council Meeting**

Kitty Hawk Town Council met on Monday, February 7, 2011, the following items were addressed:

- Gail Sonnesso, Executive Director of the GEM Center, Inc. was on hand to provide an overview of the Alzheimer's Disease Knowledge Survey, the center's new days and hours of operation, as well as a synopsis of GEM's care for people with dementia. For more information about the Gem Center and it's services visit [www.gemdayservices.org](http://www.gemdayservices.org) or call 480-3354.
- Council approved a budget amendment to allocate accrued interest earnings in the amount of \$6900.00 towards the purchase of the VIPR Communications Equipment. This amendment also authorized the complete transfer of outstanding VIPR funds (\$246,900.00) into the General Fund for the purchase of the VIPR Communications Equipment.

In addition, \$9,600.00 of accrued interest will be added to the Fire Truck reserve, providing a total outstanding balance of \$328,906.00 which will remain in the Capital Reserves Fund for the future purchase of a fire truck.

- Council unanimously approved a proposed ordinance amendment to add provisions for Small Wind Energy Facilities to the Town code which include standards for the establishment of small wind energy facilities up to 35 feet in height and 20k@ capacity as a conditional use in any zoning district.
- Council approved an application for a conditional use permit to establish a commercial crabbing operation in a Village Residential (VR-1) zoning district on the property adjoining the applicants' residence at 3860 Moore Shore Road.
- Council reviewed an application for a conditional use permit to establish an open air farm market within the existing building in a Beach Commercial (BC-2) zoning district on the former Foreman's Lumber property at 4100 N. Croatan Highway. A motion was made to defer action until March 7, 2011.

- A public hearing was scheduled for March 7, 2011 to hear comments on a proposal to rezone four (4) parcels at 4907, 4911, 4915 and 4919 Putter Lane located in the 4900 block of N. Croatan Highway from Beach Residential (BR-1) to Beach Commercial (BC-1).
- A public hearing was scheduled for March 7, 2011 to hear public comment regarding proposed amendment to Sections 42-1 and 4-5, which addresses commercial and noncommercial uses of horses; stabling, with standards for keeping horses, setbacks for horse shelters and enclosures, and allowances for nonconforming situations to continue in the future.
- Council received an update from the Recreation Committee and accepted the revised Recreation Plan as presented.

Committee asked for and Council granted a public comment period on the March agenda for input on allowing vehicles to drive on a section of Kitty Hawk beach.

Council gave their blessing for the Faircloth family to donate a tree to be planted in Sandy Run Park in memory of former Recreation Committee member Alice Faircloth.

- NCDOT gave the Town approval to enter into a contract with Albemarle & Associates for the Storm Drainage Study.
- Approval was given to the Fire Department to use Capital Funds for the purchase of Scott Breathing Apparatus and Amkus Rescue Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$46,900.00.
- Approval was given to the Police Department for the use of Capital Funds to purchase three in car cameras for an amount not to exceed \$12,800.00.

### **Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2011**

9:00 AM,  
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

### **Agenda Items to Include:**

- Agreement for Professional Engineering & Construction Management Services with Quible & Associates for Sandy Run Park Phase II
- Consideration of Personnel Policy Changes/Amendments
- FY 11-12 Budget

## **Planning Board Meeting Summary** **February 17, 2011**

At its meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Kitty Hawk Planning Board covered several important items. Planning Director Joe Heard presented the Board members with a draft ordinance containing numerous amendments to the Town's standards for erosion and sediment control during construction projects. The Town's current standards are out of date and the N.C. Division of Land Resources is requiring that updates be adopted. Mr. Heard noted that the proposed ordinance is the model ordinance prepared by NCDLR and is not changing any significant requirements. The Board members discussed changes to the time frames for ground cover and a new provision requiring developers to conduct and record inspections on their own projects. The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the updated Erosion and Sediment Control ordinance to Town Council.

Next, the Board members discussed their proposed budget for FY 2011-12. Based on the Board's interest in updating the Town's current land use plan, it was recommended that the Board be funded for twelve (12) regular monthly meetings and six (6) special meetings, to be held if necessary, during the next year. The Planning Board voted to recommend its budget with that change.

Lastly, the Planning Board discussed a process for updating the Town's land use plan. As it was adopted in 2005, the Board members commented that certain areas of the plan may need to be amended, or at least reviewed to see if amendments are necessary. To facilitate this update, the Board members recommended the following process that could be conducted by the Planning Board and Town staff:

1. Review the existing zoning map, land use map, and other information.
2. Select areas of the town that may need to be reviewed.
3. Focus on specific areas one at a time at Board meetings.
4. Develop initial ideas and recommendations.
5. Hold public hearings and solicit comments on recommendations.
6. Compile the final amendments into an updated land use plan.

Heard will present the Board's recommendations to the Town Manager and Council. The Board asked Heard to prepare maps for review at its next meeting.

## **Recreation Committee Meeting Summary – PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED**

At their January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Kitty Hawk Recreation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that Town Council consider a proposal to allow beach driving from Starfish Lane, south to the Kill Devil Hills town line, from October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The area encompasses about 1.5 miles of beach, with a single vehicular access at the Kitty Hawk Bath House. The committee also recommended adoption of beach driving regulations currently in effect in Kill Devil Hills. The proposal offers a link from Kitty Hawk to Kill Devil Hills for beach driving, and could help to alleviate parking shortages in southern Kitty Hawk during the shoulder seasons. At their February 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the Town Council requested that the staff evaluate the proposal, and agreed to place the item on the March 7<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. The public will have the opportunity to comment.

## **Town Invites Citizens to Public Meeting On Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Town of Kitty Hawk is asking residents to attend a Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Kitty Hawk Town Hall for the purpose of providing information on flooding problems on their street or in their neighborhood. The Town of Kitty Hawk has contracted with Albemarle and Associates for the purpose of conducting a Storm Drainage Study for the Town. Albemarle and Associates and Town staff will be on hand on March 16, 2011 to listen to persons affected by past storms that have created drainage problems in their neighborhood. If any citizen or property owner is not able to attend the meeting on March 16, 2011, they can submit their comments or concerns to John Stockton, Town Manager, [jstockton@kittyhawktown.net](mailto:jstockton@kittyhawktown.net) or P. O. Box 549, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949.

### **Kitty Hawk Fire Department Information**

#### **Children and Fire Safety**

Did you know that more than 50 percent of child fire deaths affect those under the age of 5? Escaping from a fire can be difficult for very young children because they generally lack the motor skills and mental capabilities needed to quickly escape a burning building.

#### **Statistics: Children and Fire**

- In 2007, nearly 510 children under age 15 died as a result of fire.
- Fire injuries affected an estimated 1,900 children in 2007.
- The relative risk of children under age 15 dying in a fire is lower than the general population.
- Fifty-two percent (52%) of all child fire deaths occur to those under age five. These children are usually unable to escape from a fire independently.
- The number of fire injuries is also highest in children under age five, declining from ages 5 to 9, but rising again in the 10 to 14 age group. This is a different pattern than deaths, which decrease as children age.
- Boys are at a higher risk of death from fire than girls.

#### **Prevention Starts with You!**

Ninety-six percent of homes in the United States have at least one smoke alarm. **However, only three-quarters of all homes have at least one working smoke alarm.\***

**Almost two-thirds of reported home fire deaths in 2003-2006 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.\***

\*Source: National Fire Protection Association

#### **Home Fire Safety: Prepare. Practice. Prevent the Unthinkable.**

In the home, parents and caregivers are urged to install and maintain working smoke alarms and residential sprinklers.

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, including the basement, and both inside and outside of sleeping areas.

- Install both ionization AND photoelectric smoke alarms, OR dual sensor smoke alarms, which contain both ionization and photoelectric smoke sensors
- Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year.
- Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10-years old.
- Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.

## **Lifesaving Tips**

Young children are not able to sense danger in the same way as adults. They have a very limited ability to react quickly and properly in an emergency situation, as well as little control over their environment. This increases their risk of death and injury in a fire.

- Keep matches, lighters, and other items used for ignition in a secured drawer or cabinet out of the reach of children.
- Teach your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.
- Always dress children in pajamas that meet Federal flammability standards. Avoid dressing children for sleep in loose-fitting, 100% cotton garments, such as oversized t-shirts.
- Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.
- Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, and to get out of the house and stay out.
- Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if clothes catch fire.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Get out and stay out.
- Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke alarm.
- Replace mattresses made prior to the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.
- Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches—evidence your child may be playing with fire.

## **USFA Kids**

The U.S. Fire Administration provides fire prevention information to teach children and their parents/caregivers about the dangers of fire. On their website, USFA Kids ([www.usfa.dhs.gov/kids/](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/kids/)) there are short lessons about fire escape planning, smoke alarms, and home fire safety. Also, children can play games to reinforce the information learned in the lessons. Through a 10-question quiz, children have the opportunity to earn a Jr. Fire Marshal certificate.

## **Opportunities to Participate**

### **Town Council Meetings**

- Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 9 a.m.
- Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Planning Board Meeting**

Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 6 p.m.

*(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)*